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SUBJECT: REACTION TO WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL ON VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 249080

1. AP STORY WHICH QUOTED FULL TEXT OF WASHINGTON POST
EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 20 ON VENEZUELA WAS PRINTED IN
FULL IN SEVERAL CARACAS NEWSPAPERS UNDER HEADLINE,
"NIXON NEEDS CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO US-VENEZUELA
RELATIONS."

2. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT WHICH CAME TO ATTENTION OF
EMBASSY APPEARED IN EL NACIONAL OF DECEMBER 22. TEXT
OF EL NACIONAL COMMENTARY WAS ALSO CARRIED BY SOME
LOCAL RADIO STATIONS AND WAS PICKED UP AND REPORTED
IN FULL BY FBIS.

3. EL NACIONAL COMMENTARY SAID THAT WASHINGTON POST
EDITORIAL ON NEED FOR US TO REVISE ITS POLICY TOWARD
VENEZUELA, BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM
IN ENERGY CRISIS, "WAS RECEIVED WITH SPECIAL CAUTION IN
OFFICIAL PETROLEUM CIRCLES AND AMONG PRIVATE OBSERVERS."

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EL NACIONAL CONTINUED, "NATIONAL FRONT FOR DEFENSE OF

VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM SAID UNOFFICIALLY THAT A POLICY FROM WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME WOULD BE CONSIDERED LATE. PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION, ESPECIALLY IN HIS FIRST TERM OF OFFICE, LOST OPPORTUNITY TO FORMULATE CONTINENTAL ENERGY POLICY INCLUDING HEMISPHERIC TREATMENT FOR SECURE SUPPLIES OF OIL FROM VENEZUELA."

4. EL NACIONAL SAID THAT GENERAL REACTION AMONG OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE SOURCES CONTACTED BY ITS ECONOMIC EDITOR WAS THAT WASHINGTON POST PROPOSALS WERE WISE BUT THAT THERE ARE NOT YET POSSIBILITIES THAT NIXON ADMINISTRATION WILL UNDERTAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN PETROLEUM RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND VENEZUELA. NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AS IT HAS BEEN UP TO NOW AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VENEZUELA WILL REDUCE ITS OIL SUPPLIES IN FUTURE.

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